

shall not be graded above U.S. Grade C, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule). “Fairly free from defects” means that the number of defects that may be present does not exceed the number specified for the type of defects in Table IV.

(e) (*SStd.*) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fail to meet the requirements for Grade C for any reason may be given a score of 0 to 20 points and shall not be graded above Substandard, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule).

#### § 52.781 Character.

(a) *General*. The factor of character refers to the physical characteristics of the flesh of the cherries.

(b) (*A classification*). Canned red tart pitted cherries that have a good character may be given a score of 27 to 30 points. “Good character” means that the cherries are thick-fleshed and have a firm, tender texture.

(c) (*B classification*). Canned red tart pitted cherries that have a reasonably good character may be given a score of 24 to 26 points. Canned red tart pitted

cherries that fall into this classification shall not be graded above U.S. Grade B, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule). “Reasonably good character” means that the cherries may be reasonably thick-fleshed and may be slightly soft.

(d) (*C classification*). Canned red tart pitted cherries that have a fairly good character may be given a score of 21 to 23 points. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fall into this classification shall not be graded above U.S. Grade C, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule). “Fairly good character” means that the cherries may be thin-fleshed, and may be soft but not mushy, or slightly tough but not leathery.

(e) (*SStd.*) *classification*. Canned red tart pitted cherries that fail to meet the requirements for U.S. Grade C may be given a score of 0 to 20 points and shall not be graded above Substandard, regardless of the total score for the product (this is a limiting rule).

#### ALLOWANCES FOR QUALITY FACTORS

#### § 52.782 Allowances for quality factors.

TABLE IV—ALLOWANCES FOR QUALITY FACTORS

Factor	Sample unit size	Maximum number permissible for the respective grade					
		A	A	B	B	C	C
Pits .....	20 ozs .....	Not more than 2 in any sample unit.	Sample average 1 per 40 ozs.	Not more than 3 in any sample unit.	Sample average 1 per 30 ozs.	4 or more in any sample unit.	Sample average 1 per 20 ozs.
Defects:	100 cherries ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total—multilated, plus minor blemished plus blemished.. of which	.....	10 .....	.....	15 .....	.....	20.	.....
Blemished—limited to .....	.....	3 .....	.....	7 .....	.....	15.	.....
Harmless extraneous material.	Total contents	Average 1 piece per 60 oz. net contents.	.....	Average 1.5 pieces per 60 oz. net contents.	.....	Average 3 piece per 60 oz. net contents.	.....

#### LOT COMPLIANCE

#### § 52.783 Ascertaining the grade of a lot.

The grade of a lot of canned red tart pitted cherries covered by these standards is determined by the procedures set forth in the Regulations Governing

Inspection and Certification of Processed Fruits and Vegetables, Processed Products Thereof, and Certain Other Processed Food Products (§§ 52.1 to 52.87).